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LOYOLA SEEKS 18TH STRAIGHT

Loyola Warriors, fresh from capturing their Centennial Tournament for the first time since its inception with a 10-4 victory of the Toronto Varsity Blues last Sunday at the Forum resume regular league action tomorrow at 2:00 o'clock when they play host to Royal Military College Redmen of Kingston.

Danny McLeod's Redmen are currently fighting for the fourth and final play-off position in the O.S.L., and as a team always known for conditioning, will give the Warriors stiff competition. Before the Christmas break R.M.C. were shaded by Sherbrooke by a single goal.

Dave Draper's Warriors are currently riding a 17 - game undefeated streak, best in the nation, after kicking off the season with three losses. Most impressive of these wins were an 8-2 decision over Laurentian, 5-2 and 7-1 wins over Sir George, and the 10-4 victory over Tom Watt's crew, Toronto's worst defeat in recent memory.

Warriors have six league games and five non-league efforts remaining before the play-offs, and all will be tough games. Injuries, non-existent during the first half of the season, have started to hit, with rookie defender Ron Clarke on the sidelines with knee problems.

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Draper was reticent as usual following last Wednesday's 5-3 squeaker over Carleton Ravens at Ottawa's Civic Center, but stated that this was the worst game the team played all season. "Perhaps this will dispel the euphoria of the Centennial win. Our goalie Rocky Martin won this one for us, now maybe the rest of the guys will realize that the other teams lace on their skates the same we do."

Mike Lowe's still the team leader in the scoring department with 38 goals and 67 points in 20 games. Captain Chris Hayes follows right behind with 47 points, including 32 assists. Hayes also leads the penalty parade with 61 minutes in the sin bin, a complete game.

Rookie Ron Riley, an exciting newcomer from Belleville Mohawks of the Senior O.H.A., is the team's second highest sniper with 21 markers in 20 games. He was a seventeen year old draft choice of the Pittsburgh Penguins whom Draper rates as the steadiest player, game in and game out, that he has.

Loyola is currently in first place in the O.S.L. with a 7-0-1 record, followed by University of Sherbrooke, and lead in competition for the Coupe de Quebec. Coach Draper's overall record in his 2 1/2 seasons with the West Enders is now 64-13-3.